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REPUBLICANS BEGIN TO LINE UP TO TAKE ON DEMO U.S. REP. SANCHEZ IN ORANGE COUNTY'S 46th CD...

Editor's note: While the Orange Co. DA, the CA Sec. of State's office and the U.S. House Oversight Cmt. continue their probe of alleged *illegal voting activity* in Orange Co., **Calpeek** takes a look at GOP plans to recapture the 46th CD seat once held by controversial Congressman Bob Dornan(R). Here's our first update & analysis...

...There's very little doubt that this entire Santa Ana, Garden Grove, 46th CD/69th AD area of Orange Co. will once again be a major battleground in Calif.'s 1998 general election. Republicans are still smarting from the defeat of Dornan by U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez(D) and the near loss (98 votes) of GOP Assemblyman Jim Morrissey's to Lou Correa(D). FYI: Correa has said he'll take another run at Morrissey in '98 and again will have Assembly Demo backing...

...Almost immediately after Sanchez was declared the winner of the 46th CD, successful family law attorney Lisa Hughes let it be known that she wanted to take on Sanchez in '98. Hughes has excellent credentials: she's chair of the CA Lottery Commission and sits on the ad-hoc O.C. Finance Board, which oversees major projects of the county. Politically, she's on the Board of Directors of the O.C. Lincoln Club and is close to State Sen. John Lewis(R) and GOP Assembly Leader Curt Pringle. And she has *deep pockets* and could be expected to mount a \$1 million campaign against Sanchez. She's already hired two consultants: Mark Thompson of O.C. and Gilliard, Blanning & Assoc. of Sacto. She's also pro-choice...

...At this point, Dornan is Hughes' only *official* rival. Dornan's big problem in O.C. is that he's never been much of a *team player* in local politics. Or as one source told **Calpeek**, "He's not one of the boys."

Another potential candidate is Pringle. Sources say he will get into this race, but is holding off making any announcement because he doesn't want to give up his assembly leadership job. There are already rumors that Tom Bordonaro would like to oust him right now. In a 3-way GOP primary between Dornan, Pringle and Hughes, the *early line* probably favors Pringle, but Hughes is also well positioned...

...FYI: Sources say that Hughes has had several conversations with Pringle and that he has told her he just hasn't reached any firm decision. That may or may not be the case, because our sources also say that Pringle *operatives* have offered Hughes a deal: if she gets out of the 46th CD and runs in the GOP primary for State Treasurer against State Sen. Jim Brulte, Pringle will back her. That scenario it makes sense because there's no love lost between Brulte and Pringle. Stay tuned...

SORTING OUT THE CALIFORNIA TERM LIMITS MESS.

Editor's note: With the defeat 12 days ago of a constitutional amendment to impose term limits on members of the U.S. House & Senate, political insiders and the news media are once again focused on this controversial topic. Here's our update & analysis...

...On Feb. 19th, the CA Sec. of State's office certified yet another initiative for the next ballot. The official title is **Limiting Congressional Terms. Proposed U.S. Constitutional Amendment. Initiative Statute**. The proponent is David Alessio ☎ (707)253-2464. It's real simple. It requires the CA Congressional delegation to vote for a constitutional amendment to limit U.S. Senators to two(2) terms and House members to three(3) terms. And all Calif. candidates for State & Federal office who don't support this must be IDed as *non-supporters on the ballot* with some kind of marking or symbol, e.g.: ☉ * ☛. FYI: for those with short memories, CA voters OKed a congressional term limits plan

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in '92, but Prop. 164 (64% vs. 36%), was struck down in 1995 by the U.S. Supreme Court...

...There are 9 other states which have already approved the above version of term limits. However, many DC sources believe the 3 terms or else law was chiefly responsible for the defeat of term limits on Feb. 12, because members from those 9 states wouldn't or were afraid to vote for the **most popular** term limit plan: 6 terms in the House, 2 terms in the Senate. The 3 terms or else plan got no more than 87 votes. So for the time being, term limits in Congress is finished...

...Here in Calif., particularly in the Capitol, all the talk is about the term limits case currently before Federal Judge Claudia Wilken. Former Assemblyman Tom Bates(D-Alameda) challenged Prop. 140 (Calif.'s term limit law) and everyone has been waiting and waiting for a ruling, which is long overdue. Some of those who support 140 think the judge is stalling to prevent a timely appeal. And most sources agree the judge will toss 140 out as unconstitutional, based upon the lifetime ban on seeking office...

...So what's going to happen if 140 is tossed out? Our sources see 3 different legislative scenarios: 1) restore 140 with the same limits w/o the lifetime ban; 2) modify 140 to have 8 years for both legislative houses; and 3) a new 12/12 term limit plan. Pro-140 sources think both the 1st and 2nd proposals have excellent to good chances of being approved should the legislature put these measures on a special election ballot. But plan #3 is DOA. Pro-140 sources just don't see this plan getting much support at all...

...FYI: There will likely be one other modification to any new term limit proposal. Under 140, the legislative pension fund was eliminated. Instead, new lawmakers had to rely on Social Security. So it's likely that a new term limit plan would allow new lawmakers to put their retirement money into the State PERS system, just like all the other State employees. Stay tuned...

JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS: PRE-ELECTION SEMINAR

Cerrell Associates, Inc., will present an A-to-Z seminar on judicial campaigns, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., March 1st at the Cerrell offices, 320 N. Larchmont Blvd., L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ Dora Gil (213)466-3445...

CAMPAIGN '98: CATCHING UP ON ODDS & ENDS

Editor's note: Here's a brief update on some recent campaign developments...

◆ *Corrections from Last Week* - On our \$\$\$ story for Campaign '98: State Sen. Jim Brulte(R) has about \$502,000 in his State Treasurer account. **Calpeek** reported Brulte's State senate account. And Orange Co. DA Mike Capizzi(R) has \$197,600 in his AG's account. We reported money from his DA's account...

◆ *On Calpeek's Reading List* - In the February issue of *George* there's a interesting article by Amy Virshup called Power Surge. It's all about the new political power structure in the **Silicon Valley** and the battle over Prop. 211. The opponents of 211, mostly hi-tech firms from the Valley, dumped in nearly \$40 million to defeat 211 --- and these new players are here to stay. And that might **not** be good news for either U.S. Sen. Barbara Boxer(D) or Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D). Both Demos were neutral on 211. Consultant Joy Alexiou was quoted in the article as saying, "For [the Valley], not taking a position wasn't neutral." Will Silicon Valley punish Boxer & Davis in '98??? Remember these names: Calif. Technology Alliance (new PAC for the Valley), John Doerr, Brook Byers & Tom Proulx. Stay tuned...

CONFERENCE ON INDIAN GAMING SET FOR FEB. 28

Editor's note: Odds are fairly good that there will be one or more gaming initiatives on the Statewide ballot next year. And whenever you start talking about gaming, you have to consider the impact on the various **Calif. Indian tribes** which currently operate some 25-28 card clubs here in the State. Here's a brief report on an important conference on this subject...

...*The Foundation for Calif.* at Claremont-McKenna College in Claremont will host this two-day conference beginning at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 28th and running until 12:30 p.m. Mar. 1st --- at the college's Bauer Forum building, 500 E. 9th St., Claremont. For info ☎ (909) 482-0813...

...Although the focus will be on Indian gaming in Calif., it's likely the various panelists will discuss related subjects as well, such as the impact full-scale casino gaming could have on Calif...

...Why is this symposium important? In politics, tim-
ing is everything - and the timing couldn't be better for this conference. Not only is it likely there will be some kind of gaming measure(s) on the '98 ballot, but right now the various CA Indian tribes are in negotiation with Gov. Pete Wilson's office, trying to work out a compact (agreement) on the future of Indian gaming in Calif. In addition, legislation is again going to be introduced which will establish a Calif. Gaming Commission to oversee the licensing of card clubs and perhaps one day set up rules & regulations for Nevada-styled gaming in Calif...

...From the list of participants, you can tell that the key players will be present. They include: State Sen. PPT Bill Lockyer(D); State Sen. Ken Maddy(R); Dep. COS George Dunn of Gov. Wilson's office; Thomas Gede of the CA DOJ(Lungren's rep); Daniel Tucker, chair of the CA/NV Indian Gaming Assn.; and representatives from 5 of the larger Indian tribes in So. Calif. who currently operate card club/casinos. Stay tuned...

SPRING '97 ELECTIONS: CITY & COUNTY CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part V of Calpeek's continuing series on city & county Spring Elections...

☒ Carson - In this city of 85,000 in southern L.A. County, the hottest issue on the Mar. 4th ballot is **fireworks** - and the question is whether the city shall ban the sale & discharge of safe & sane fireworks? This battle over Measure J pits Carson Mayor Mike Mitoma against a number of non-profit groups who raise much of their money selling fireworks each year. The non-profits are getting lots of help from American Promotional Events, Inc., the firm which owns one of the major fireworks companies in Calif. According to opponents of J, fireworks have never been a problem in Carson. In 1990 there was an advisory measure on the ballot that ended in a 50/50 split and so the city council voted to retain fireworks. APE Inc./the NO side, has hired The Broadway Group for mail and Sacto-based Revell Communications (for spin)...

☒ San Francisco - There will be four(4) bond measures on the June 3rd ballot in the city/county of S.F. 1) **\$140 million school bond measure**, with consultant Robert Barnes running the show, with the Campaign Performance Group & Jim Rivaldo handling mail;

Jo Kuney on fundraising; and Tom Hsieh Jr. handling press; 2) **\$100 million revenue bond measure** for the city's share in the proposed new stadium for the 49ers football team; 3) **\$49 million in cultural center facility bonds**; 4) **\$48 million in zoo bonds** (for improvements), with John Whitehurst as the lead consultant...

☒ Covina - This city of 43,000 in L.A. Co.'s San Gabriel Valley is facing some tough economic choices. On the Mar. 4th ballot is a measure which would do away with the city's fire department (42 members and 3 stations) and let the county take over fire protection services. The measure is advisory only, but the Covina Firefighters Assn. is pushing for a YES vote. True, some firefighters will have to take pay cuts, but it's still a good deal in terms of updating equipment and job security...

☒ West Hollywood - Measure A on the Mar. 4th ballot in this upscale city next door to Beverly Hills would prohibit a person from serving more than 2 consecutive terms. The key backers of this measure are Mayor Pro Tem Sal Guarriello and council candidate Dewey Jones. Essentially this is a battle between one of the city's more powerful special interest groups (CES - Coalition for Economic Survival) and Guarriello. And CES is trying to link term limits to rent control, saying that because of term limits, former Sen. David Roberti(D) was forced from office --- and once he left, the real estate and apartment lobby weakened rent control laws. Stay tuned...

CARDINAL MAHONY AT PUBLIC POLICY SERIES.
L.A.'s Cardinal Roger Mahony will discuss the Catholic Church's role in public policy when he addresses the Public Policy Series breakfast, 8 a.m., Feb. 28, City Club, downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎(213) 489-3989...

SENATOR BILL LOCKYER AT COMSTOCK CLUB.
Senate PPT Bill Lockyer(D-Hayward) will address members of The Comstock Club, 12 noon, Mar. 4, Radisson Hotel, Sacramento. For info & RSVPs ☎(916)485-6494...

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CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

■ **Pepperdine's Starr** - It made the front page of just about every major newspaper in the U.S.: Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr, 50, has been named Dean of Pepperdine Univ.'s School of Law in Malibu. He'll report for duty on or about August 1st. In addition, Starr will head the new School of Public Policy as its founding dean. And the question every political pundit in the U.S. is asking now is whether this news signals an **end** to any possible prosecution of the President & First Lady? Our guess: Yes, but we've been wrong before...

■ **Going After O.J. - Round III** - The political *odd couple* of '97, L.A. attorney Gloria Allred and conservative CA Assemblywoman Barbara Alby(R-Sacto), are teaming up to go after O.J. Simpson - this time through legislative action. Alby has introduced AB 260 to bar those convicted of *spousal battery* from winning sole or joint custody of minor children. Orange Co. Judge Nancy Wieben Stock in December ruled that Simpson should have custody of his kids, but gave grandparents Louis & Juditha Brown regular visitation rights. Judge Wieben Stock's decision was made before the verdict in the civil case, where a jury ruled that Simpson was responsible for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson & Ron Goldman. And for those who may have forgotten, Simpson pled no contest to spousal battery in 1989 and thus would fall under this law. FYI: the Women's Progress Alliance (run by Denise Brown & Tammy Bruce) is preparing to file a notice of recall Mar. 1st on Judge Wieben Stock...

■ **COS White Resigns** - One of Gov. Pete Wilson's closest political and policy advisors for nearly 30 years, Chief of Staff Bob White, has resigned. White has been with the governor since 1968 when Wilson was in the Assembly. No reason for White's departure, other than the usual stuff ("I want to pursue some other personal dreams and priorities, etc."). Those personal dreams

probably include some consulting work in Sacto for the 54-year-old. No replacement as yet, but sources say Deputy COS George Dunn is the expected successor...

■ **L.A. Politics** - Just a brief update on L.A.'s upcoming April 8th muni primary. Mayor Richard Riordan officially launched his reelection bid Feb. 18th in the voter-rich San Fernando Valley, where he picked up the endorsement of the L.A. Police Protective League. A key support group. Riordan and his main rival, State Sen. Tom Hayden(D), will debate at 11 a.m., Mar. 13, live on Century Cable TV. In the city attorney's race, incumbent Jim Hahn picked up the endorsement of U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D) and the L.A. Co. Demo Central Cmt. Hahn and rival Ted Stein will debate at 11 a.m., Feb. 28, live on Century Cable TV. FYI: the pros & cons of Prop. 8 (charter reform) will be discussed at 7:30 p.m., Mar. 4, University Synagog in West L.A. This event is hosted by Women For. For info ☐ (310)657-7411...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● CA Sec. of State Bill Jones(R) has appointed James F. Sweeney as chief counsel for the SOS...

● Tuolumne Co. Sup. Ken Marks is the '97 president of the Regional Council of Rural Counties. Shasta Co. Sup. Richard Dickerson is vp; El Dorado Co. Sup. Raymond Nutting is treasurer; and Lassen Co. Sup. Claud R. Neely is secretary...

● New chair of the Orange Co. Demo Party is former Vice Chair Jeanne Costales...

● West Hollywood Councilman John Heilman has been appointed as vice chair of the Human Development Policy Cmt. of the Nat'l League of Cities ('97)...

● Fleishman-Hillard has appointed Stevan Allen as vp of public affairs for its Sacto office. Prior to joining the firm, Allen served as press secretary to Lt. Gov. Gray Davis(D)...

● The Dolphin Group's Sacto office has hired Patrick Sullivan as a Sr. AE and Terra Stassi as an account assistant...